Funds to Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal for poverty alleviation schemes

2595. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal for implementation of the Centrally-sponsored schemes for poverty alleviation during the last two years, alongwith the amount spent on each scheme by these States;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge funds meant for these schemes in Assam and West Bengal were actually spent for other purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) The major Centrally Sponsored Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmes being implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The total allocation and expenditure incurred under these programmes during the last two years (i.e. 1995-96 & 1996-97) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal are given in Statements I to III (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The Comptroller & Auditor General's (C & AG) Report No. 2 of 1995 on Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Report No. 3 of 1997 on Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), interalia have pointed out diversion of funds for other purposes in West Bengal (JRY—1341.13 *lakhs* and *EAS—429.63 lakhs*). No diversion of Funds has been reported in Assam.

The C & AG Report No. 2 of 1995 on JRY and No. 3 of 1997 on EAS has been selected by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament for detailed examination. The Public Accounts Committee has already visited West Bengal.

Statement-I

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 & 1996-97
ANDHRA PRADESH

(Rs in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Programmes	1995-96		1996-97	
		Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	I.R.D.P.	8336.41	8424.01	8336.41	12810.19
2	J.R.Y. (1st Stream)	34118.65	31705.60	17372.99	17488.47
	(2nd Stream)	3113.75	2851.21	..	..
3	E.A.S	18187.50	12249.54	25137.50	25309.86

Fund Released, as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Statement-II

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 and 1996-97
ASSAM

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Programmes	1995-96		1996-97	
		Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	I.R.D.P.	2743.50	3409.02	2743.50	1600.68 (Feb. 97
2	J.R.Y. (I Stream)	10820.18	9583.33	5718.18	4543.2
3	EAS	10025.00	9822.98	13525.00	8790.0

EAS: Funds Released; as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Statement-III

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 and 1996-97
West Bengal

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Programmes	1995-96		1996-97	
		Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	I.R.D.P.	7472.2	6693.99	7472.20	5474.0
2	J.R.Y. Is Stream	29155.21	26114.49	15559.34	12834.0
	IInd Stream	3832.50	4378.31	..	
3	EAS	11550.00	9929.18	12712.50	11729.3

EAS: Funds Released as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.